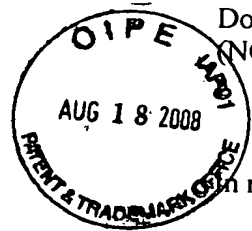


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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to Office Action dated May 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.